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Utility

Member since September 2009

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP



Annual Goals

SMECO has established a corporate goal of 5% reduction in energy consumption at SMECO facilities and 5% reduction in miles driven by SMECO vehicles.



Environmentally Preferable Procurement

SMECO purchases Energy Star products, hybrid vehicles, and office paper with at least 30% recycled content for colored paper and 100% recycled content for white paper.



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

SMECO offers on-line bill payment for their customers, on-line energy audit, energy saving tips on the web, energy monitoring kits within local libraries that include Kill-A-Watt monitors to help their customers monitor and conserve, and an extensive intranet for employees.



Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

SMECO participates in numerous fairs and speaking engagements throughout our service territory. SMECO distributes information regarding energy conservation, compact fluorescent lights, and energy saving nightlights. SMECO has also constructed over 20 osprey-nesting platforms.

WASTE



Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse

SMECO reduces its paper consumption using electronic communications and

employee intranet. Surplus office supplies are redistributed through a raffle system to employees. SMECO donates surplus vehicles to local charities and electronic equipment to SMARTCO.



Recycling

In 2008, SMECO recycled 114.37 tons of waste. This included 17.15 tons commingled recyclables, 23.92 tons of mixed paper, and 73.3 tons of mixed metals.

ENERGY



Energy Efficiency

SMECO has recently completed an extensive energy audit/analysis of its facilities using the services of Chevron Energy Solutions and plans to implement many changes.

TRANSPORTATION



Efficient Business Travel

SMECO employees frequently utilize conference calls and webinars to reduce travel.



Fleet Vehicles

SMECO currently has three hybrid vehicles and plans to add more as older vehicles are replaced.

GREEN BUILDING



LEED Gold

SMECO has begun construction of its Engineering and Operations Building which is being built to the LEED Gold Rating System for New Construction.